

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brett M. Webb
Serial No.: 09/825,583
Filed: April 3, 2001
Title: NETWORK BASED GIFT REMINDER AND PURCHASING SYSTEM
AND METHOD

Examiner: Geoffrey R. Akers
Group Art Unit: 3625
Docket No.: 10003931-1

DECLARATION OF STEVEN E. DICKE AND PAUL S. GRUNZWEIG

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Declaration is submitted in support of the Declaration of Prior Invention Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 submitted to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the effective reference date of December 20, 2000 of Onyshkevych et al U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0138170 coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective date to the filing date April 3, 2001 of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

The persons making this Declaration are patent attorneys Steven E. Dicke and Paul S. Grunzweig of Dicke, Billig & Czaja. We state as follows:

On or after September 7, 2000, Steven E. Dicke received HP Invention Disclosure No. 10003931-1 from HP Patent Attorney-Outsourcing Manager Steven R. Ormiston (see Attachment 1). Upon receiving this invention disclosure, it was placed in a queue of other patent applications to be prepared on behalf of HP.

On September 28, 2000, Steven E. Dicke sent a letter to patent attorney Paul S. Grunzweig requesting that he prepare five patent applications on behalf of HP including the present patent application (see Attachment 2). Attachment 2 reveals the respective deadlines for preparation of the five patent applications.

During the period between approximately September 28, 2000 and January 4, 2001, we had a reasonable backlog of unrelated cases (including the four unrelated cases, along with the present case H302.157.101, identified in Attachment 2) on which we worked reasonably hard and carried out expeditiously. Our practice was to attend to the preparation of patent applications having bar dates first and attend to the preparation of the remaining

Exhibit B

Declaration of Steven E. Dicke and Paul S. Grunzweig

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patent applications generally in the chronological order in which they were received while making attempting to meet filing deadlines determined by HP.

Attachment 3 is a copy of billing invoice detailing activities of patent attorney Paul S. Grunzweig for preparation of the present patent application, covering time period from January 4, 2001 through January 31, 2001, including a teleconference with the inventor and preparation of the patent application (see Attachment 3).

As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: Steven E. Dicke
Steven E. Dicke

Date: 8/17/05

Name: Paul S. Grunzweig
Paul S. Grunzweig

Date: 8-17-05

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INVENTION DISCLOSURE

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Descriptive Title of Invention:

Gift idea category for existing web reminder services. Not only a reminder is sent, shopping URL's for items in gift list would also be sent.

Name of Project:**Product Name or Number:**

Was a description of the invention published, or are you planning to publish? If so, the date(s) and publication(s):

Was a product including the invention announced, offered for sale, sold, or is such activity proposed? If so, the date(s) and location(s): No

Was the invention disclosed to anyone outside of HP, or will such disclosure occur? If so, the date(s) and name(s): Yes. Disclosed on September 14, 1999. Document attached.

If any of the above situations will occur within 3 months, call your IP attorney or the Legal Department now at 1-898-4919 or 970-898-4919.

Was the invention described in a lab book or other record? If so, please identify (lab book #, etc.)

Lab Book 4233.

Was the invention built or tested? If so, the date:

No

Was this invention made under a government contract? If so, the agency and contract number:

NO

Description of Invention: Please preserve all records of the invention and attach additional pages for the following. Each additional page should be signed and dated by the inventor(s) and witness(es).

- A. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)
- B. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.
- C. Problems solved by the invention.
- D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).

Signature of Inventor(s): Pursuant to my (our) employment agreement, I (we) submit this disclosure on this date: []

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Exhibit A

INVENTION DISCLOSURE

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The invention was first explained to, and understood by, me (us) on this date: []

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A. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)

Brief Description: Currently there are dozens of reminder services on the internet. They provide calendars or email reminders of important events such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. However, none provide a section that would allow the user to input gift ideas for the particular event. The "gift ideas" would allow the user to input items that they might want to purchase for the event (this could include brand name, the amount the user is willing to spend). The ideas could be added or taken off the list at any time. When the reminder is sent (email/page/etc.), or when the calendar is accessed, a queried list of gift URL's would be shown. This list would contain direct links to the items in the "gift list" that they could purchase online. Then, the user could simply click on the provided URL's to find the best price and best gift. This would provide the user with an extremely convenient way to do quick shopping.

Example: If Yahoo! Calendar would integrate this idea into their current calendar; a user could enter gift ideas throughout the year for a particular birthday. Let's say the user enters a cordless razor between \$40-\$60 in price range. When the reminder email is sent, Yahoo! Shopping could use the "gift items" as search criteria and send a list of URL's with the reminder email.

B. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.

Again, there are dozens of reminder services on the internet. They all provide calendars, email, or both for important events such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. None (that I have found) provide a "gift idea" category along with gift URL's sent at the time of the reminder email. So, the advantages are simple, to allow the user to collect gift ideas throughout the year for special events. When the reminder is sent, allow the user to go directly to where the item is being sold online so they can purchase it.

Problems solved by the invention.

For current reminder services, only the reminder is sent. A person then must then think of what they would like to buy for the person. With this "gift idea" service, the user not only gets a reminder, they also can go directly shopping for the item they are searching for. Like Amazon's patented "One Click", this is like one stop shopping. Also, it would allow users to keep a log of their ideas. Especially if the event is a considerable time away, they

won't forget what the perfect gift.

D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).

WEBB,BRETT (HP-Boise,ex1)

From: Yahoo Calendar [calendar-feedback@yahoo-inc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 1999 4:02 PM
To: Brett Webb
Subject: Re: Feedback - Suggestions (KMM7583294C0KM)

Thank you for writing to Yahoo! Customer Care.

Since the launch of Yahoo! Calendar we have received quite a few great suggestions. It is through these comments and feedback that we are able to continue to make improvements.

We're already starting to build a database of user suggestions for our next round of enhancements.

Please let us know if you have further questions.

Original message follows:

Feedback from: Brett Webb (brett_webb@am.exch.hp.com)

Regarding: <http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/cal/>

Frequency of Use: It's my first time

I have been researching reminder calendars and see an opportunity for Yahoo!. There are many sites that will email a person 0-?? days before a birthday, anniversary, etc. However, there are no calendar sites that actually allow a person to type in gift idea(s) that he or she would like to purchase for the special occasion. It would be a useful and powerful feature for Yahoo! to add the capability of allowing a user to type in "gift ideas". These "gift ideas" could be added to or subtracted from the list at any time. When the reminder email/page is sent, the Yahoo! shopping service could query the gift ideas and send gift URL links. This would allow the user not only to receive a reminder message, but also give the user an extremely convenient way to do some quick shopping with the included links.

Thank you for letting me voice my suggestion. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Brett Webb

Yahoo ID: bmw31972

Browser: Mozilla/4.6 [en] (X11; I; Linux 2.2.5-15 i686)

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Company: Hewlett-Packard

Your Ref.: 10003931-1

Fax No.: 208.396.7768

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From: Paul Grunzweig

Re: Draft Application

Our Ref.: H302.157.101

Phone No.: 612.878.4373

Documents being sent: Draft Application & Drawings

Message: Please call me Tuesday with comments.

Thank you,

Paul

Please notify us at 612-573-2000 if all pages are not received.

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From: Steve Dicke

Re: Patent Application
Drawings

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

RE: U.S. Patent Application for:
NETWORK BASED GIFT REMINDER AND PURCHASING SYSTEM
HP File No: 10003931-1
DBC File No.: H302.157.101

Dear Dianna:

Please find enclosed the following U.S. Patent Documents suitable for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the above-referenced patent application:

- Hard copy of Patent Application;
- Electronic copy of Patent Application on diskette;
- Formal drawings;
- Hard copy of claims/abstract with reference numerals for foreign filing;
- Electronic copy of claims/abstract with reference numerals for foreign filing on diskette;
- Form PTO-1449; and
Eleven (11) cited references.

This patent application has been reviewed by the inventor(s) and Steve Ormiston and approved for filing. Enclosed are Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney documents for inventor signature. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (612) 573-2002.

Regards,

DICKE, BILLIG & CZAJA, P.A.


Steven E. Dicke

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Exhibit E

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Date of Deposit April 3, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service
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PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO. 10003931-1

NETWORK BASED GIFT REMINDER AND PURCHASING SYSTEM

INVENTOR:

Brett M. Webb

Exhibit F

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September 7, 2000

Steven E. Dicke, Esq.
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Re: Preparation and Filing of Patent Application
Pursuant to Outside Counsel Procedures dated October 15, 1999
HP Invention Disclosure PD No. 10003931-1
Entitled: "Gift Idea Category For Existing Web Reminder Services"
Inventor(s): Brett M. Webb
HP Required Receipt Date: February 24, 2001

Dear Steve:

We would like you to provide us with a quote of the cost for your firm to prepare a US patent application based on the HP invention disclosure identified above, a copy of which is enclosed. Your quote should be based on preparing and supplying us with the completed application, formal drawings, European claims and abstract, and a disk containing the electronic file for the application including European claims and abstract all to be received by the HP required receipt date stated above.

Your quote should be submitted on the enclosed Request for Quote And Engagement Letter Agreement. If your quote is accepted, we will return a fully executed copy of the Agreement to you for your records. **The Agreement will not be binding on you or on HP until signed by HP's authorized representative.**

If this Agreement is not signed and returned to HP, any bills submitted by you cannot be paid.

Thank you for your assistance in reviewing the invention disclosure. If your review indicates a possible conflict for your firm, you should advise us within one week of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Yvonne Bailey for Steven R. Ormiston

Steven R. Ormiston
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SRO/TW

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Request for Quote/Agreement

Attachment 1

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September 28, 2000

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VIA COURIER

Hello Paul,

Attached are five Hewlett-Packard Invention Disclosures. I have enclosed a hard copy and an electronic copy of two Hewlett-Packard Patent Applications to use as templates, as well as sample copies of published e-commerce patents. The filing deadlines for these applications are as follows:

H302.101 -	Due November 12, 2000
H302.101 -	Due November 12, 2000
H302.101 -	Due February 15, 2001
H302.101 -	Due February 24, 2001
H302.157.101 -	Due February 24, 2001

If you need any further information in order to prepare these applications you may contact the inventors directly. Their contact information can be found in the invention disclosure forms. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,



Steven E. Dicke

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Fees

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01/04/2001	PSG	Teleconference with inventors.	[REDACTED]	1.00	[REDACTED]
01/05/2001	PSG	Preparation of claims and application.	[REDACTED]	0.75	[REDACTED]
01/14/2001	PSG	Preparation of detailed description of patent application.	[REDACTED]	2.70	[REDACTED]
01/16/2001	PSG	Prepare/revise patent application.	[REDACTED]	0.40	[REDACTED]
01/17/2001	PSG	Prepare/revise claims and detailed description.	[REDACTED]	7.40	[REDACTED]
01/18/2001	PSG	Prepare/revise claims.	[REDACTED]	1.70	[REDACTED]
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01/31/2001	SED	Revise patent application.	[REDACTED]	4.30	[REDACTED]
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